



# Coalition Quarterly Update

Spring, 2009

The ECCAFV is a member-driven organization which engages in social change activism to dismantle the root causes of domestic violence at the individual, organizational, and institutional level. **Our goal is to end domestic violence.**



ECCAFV members shared artwork entitled "Bridge to Freedom" created by survivors in the Haven House Art Empowerment Program with all legislators they met..



## 2009 LEGISLATIVE AWARENESS DAY A SUCCESS by Petrina Piro, ECCAFV Intern

Once again this March, a group of six ECCAFV participants boarded a van and made the long trek to Albany for a busy day of advocating for victims of domestic violence- but not before making an appearance on Channel 4 News, which came out to cover the group's departure!

This year's trip was a great success; representatives of the ECCAFV were able to meet with all twelve members of the Western New York delegation. In these meetings, participants showed each legislator pieces of artwork created through the Haven House Art Empowerment Program. The artwork was well-received and brought the voice of those affected by domestic violence to the offices of our representatives.

The legislation presented by the Coalition would make it illegal to discriminate against victims of domestic violence in the areas of employment and housing (A.755/S.1166 and A.1055/S.936), as well as permitting an unpaid leave of absence for victims of domestic violence (A.438). The ECCAFV representatives made a strong case for our legislative agenda, and are happy to report that several legislators have agreed to co-sponsor these bills! If you are interested in helping the ECCAFV Advocacy Committee with future endeavors, please contact Petrina Piro, [ppiro@cfsbny.org](mailto:ppiro@cfsbny.org).

**"A study of domestic violence survivors found that 74% of employed battered women were harassed by their partner while they were at work"** (*Family Violence Prevention Fund, 1998. The Workplace Guild for Employers, Unions and Advocates, San Francisco*)

## 2009 ANNUAL MEETING AND LUNCHEON SAVE THE DATE!

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 3<sup>RD</sup>, 2009

11:30A-1:30P

AT CHEF'S RESTAURANT IN BUFFALO

AWARD NOMINATIONS DUE BY MAY 6<sup>TH</sup>, 2009 AT NOON

CONTACT AMY FLEISCHAUER AT [AFLEISCHAUER@IIBUFF.ORG](mailto:AFLEISCHAUER@IIBUFF.ORG) FOR MORE INFORMATION ON ECCAFV AWARDS.

## Membership Development Opportunities

Sue Tomkins from UB Law School will be presenting information to the ECCAFV membership on Domestic Violence Fatality Review at the 5/8/09 meeting.

## Upcoming Training

ECCAFV will be having another "Domestic Violence Essentials" training on June 12, 2009 at the Concord Town Hall in Springville, NY. For more information and a registration form, contact Kristen Luppino, [dvcc@eccafv.org](mailto:dvcc@eccafv.org)



*Assembly Speaker Sheldon Silver addresses Domestic Violence Advocates from across the state at NYSCADV's Legislative Awareness Day Program in March.*

## Upcoming Meetings

<b>Erie County Coalition Against Family Violence</b> International Institute, 864 Delaware Ave, Buffalo	Friday, May 8 <sup>th</sup> , 9AM Wednesday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 11:30AM Friday, July 10 <sup>th</sup> , 9AM <b>Contact:</b> Kristen Luppino, <a href="mailto:dvcc@eccafv.org">dvcc@eccafv.org</a> *NOTE: location will change in July, 2009
<b>Council on Elder Abuse</b> Meals on Wheels, 100 James E. Casey Dr, Buffalo	Tuesday, May 5 <sup>th</sup> , 9AM Tuesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 9AM <b>Contact:</b> Gavin Kasper, <a href="mailto:kasperg@erie.gov">kasperg@erie.gov</a>
<b>LGBT DV Committee of WNY</b> 330 Delaware Ave, Buffalo	Thursday, May 7 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30PM Thursday, June 4 <sup>th</sup> , 4:30p <b>Contact:</b> Mark Boser, <a href="mailto:mboser@cfsbny.org">mboser@cfsbny.org</a>
<b>Citizens Task Force on Child Abuse &amp; Neglect</b> 844 Delaware Ave, Buffalo	Friday, April 17 <sup>th</sup> - 9:15AM Thursday, May 14 <sup>th</sup> - 5:30PM <b>Contact:</b> Kevin Burke, <a href="mailto:kburke@cfsbny.org">kburke@cfsbny.org</a>

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## MAPPING THE FUTURE OF THE ECCAFV

by Petrina Piro, ECCAFV Intern

Over the past several months, the ECCAFV has completed an evaluation of the Coalition's progress since implementing the new strategic plan five years ago. The response rate for the online evaluation survey was impressive, and the input received was valuable and informative. Through the survey, several priorities have been identified, such as focusing on domestic violence prevention, collaborating with other anti-violence groups, and enhancing the Education and Training Institute. At the April meeting, Lorien Castelle of the New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence facilitated a discussion of the identified priorities.

The goal of the conversation was to imagine what direction the ECCAFV might take by focusing on these priorities. A committee has been formed to follow-up on this discussion and decide upon specific goals and objectives for the next two years- 2009-2011. Look for the new plan to be presented at the annual meeting in June! If you are interested in joining this committee, please contact Kristen Luppino, [dvcc@eccafv.org](mailto:dvcc@eccafv.org).

**"One study found 46% of homeless women stayed in an abusive relationship because they had nowhere to go."** (Wilder Research Center, *Homeless in Minnesota 2003, 22 (February, 2004)*)



*The New York State Coalition Against Domestic Violence display in the Legislative Office Building. The display included the facts and statistics highlighted in this document.*